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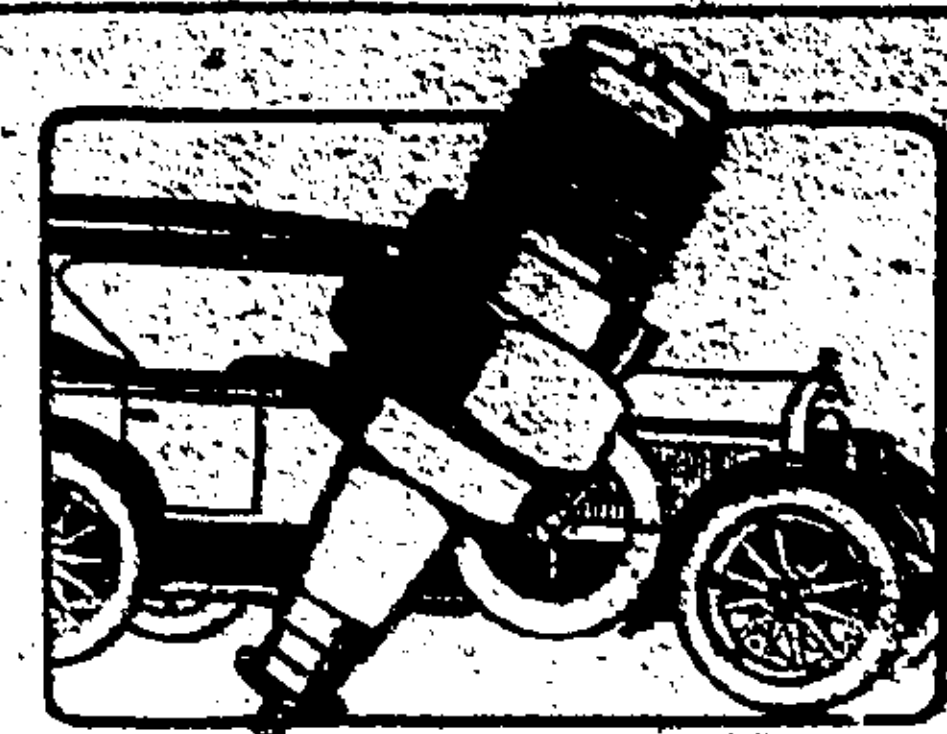
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LOCAL RADIO SCHEME.

Colony's Needs Fully Explained.

PROPOSALS FOR BROADCASTING.

As recently as last December, the Radio Communication Co. (Orient) Ltd., of Hongkong, addressed a lengthy letter to the local Chamber of Commerce on the whole question of wireless in the Colony, and the Chamber in turn drew the attention of the Government to the suggestions contained therein.

The Radio Communication Co. in the course of its letter divided the wireless needs of the Colony into four classifications, namely:

(1.) The maintenance of wireless communication with ocean-going ships, and constant direct communication with wireless telegraphy with Manila, Singapore, Shanghai, and intermediate points.

(2.) The establishment of communication with the river shipping, for piracy prevention and also for the promotion of commerce with Canton and the interior, of which the river traffic is the main outlet, and upon which a large proportion of the prosperity of this Colony depends.

(3.) The gathering of complete weather reports from ships at sea and the Far Eastern Wireless Stations, particularly from Manila, Singapore and Saigon.

(4.) The establishment of broadcasting and the popular use of radio-telephony.

The Company proposed that it take over for operation, under control of the Government and the Chamber of Commerce, the whole of the services, and carry out the project, briefly, as follows:

(i) The installation by the Company of a really modern, powerful, wireless telegraph station to handle all ocean-going traffic and to maintain constant and direct communication with Shanghai (Sicawei), Basco, Guam, Cavite (Manila), Singapore, Rangoon and Colombo, the station to be capable of transmitting over much greater distances, viz to Sydney, Calcutta, to Japanese Stations and under good conditions, to Europe and to the Pacific coast of America.

WIRELESS TELEPHONES.

(ii) An entirely independent wireless telephone and telegraph station to be erected by the Company on another site embodying a commercial radio-telephone service between Hongkong and Canton, Hongkong and Macao, Hongkong and Kowloon, and with any other point of importance within a radius of 150 miles from Hongkong, and wherever possible arranging for subscribers to existing land-telephone systems to receive and transmit over their own office or residence telephone instruments at reasonable charges.

The proposal also embodied two independent Government services, connecting the lighthouses and police launches and outposts. The Company had already carried out demonstrations with the Water-Police launches, showing that radio-telephony can be successfully used as a means of communication from the headquarters in Kowloon to any point in the cruises taken by these vessels in the course of their duties.

It is interesting to note that the Government is already introducing the above measures.

BROADCASTING.

On the subject of broadcasting the letter declared:—"The Company regards this as a very important feature in radio work in the Colony, and has been operating an experimental broadcasting service from Kowloon for

several weeks past. From an educational point of view, the value of this service has already been evidenced by the large number of the younger residents taking up an elementary study of the science. Our experiments with a transmitter of low-power have proved that a broadcasting service could be operated without the least interference with commercial wireless work. From the entertainment point of view, its value has been further demonstrated during the last week when we have broadcasted, with considerable success, the grand opera renderings direct from the Star Theatre in Kowloon. Under the Company's plan, it proposes to give, besides the various commercial services outlined herein, regular broadcasting which will be carried out under the most modern methods and with the best equipment possible. In this connection, without going into detail, we would point out the obvious advantage to the Colony of the same company operating the broadcasting as that operating the commercial stations, for not only would it enable this work to be carried out without interference with the commercial services, but a very great asset would be available in securing, through the equipment at the command of our two proposed stations, music and other features from distant points for re-transmission in Hongkong and vicinity."

REASONABLE CHARGES.

The Company proposed to ask for the right to operate these services, for a period of years, the charges to users to be reasonable.

In sending a copy of the Company's letter to the Government on January 29th, the Chamber of Commerce commented: "The letter appears to the Chamber an able exposition of the lines along which wireless development might reasonably be promoted in the Colony, and it would appear that a public utility service of this kind might be given a monopoly in the district, subject to conditions, as to limitation of profit. In respect of wireless communication, of course, there are additional reasons, connected with efficiency, for giving a charter to one company only."

MUST BE BRITISH.

And further: "It is assumed that in this British Colony the Government would only grant a charter to a predominantly British, and financially strong, Company. The present promoters state that they are quite prepared to be absorbed by a fully representative, influential British Corporation."

It is understood that the Government policy in regard to wireless communication had not been definitely formulated, pending the arrival of an expert adviser. As the expert has now been in the Colony for some time the Chamber would be interested to know whether the Government is yet in a position to make any statement as to its views and intentions on this subject.

The Chamber suggests that the rapidly developing science of wireless communication can be better adopted and applied to local needs by a commercial organisation than by a Government Department. As has been indicated, a measure of public control is considered desirable and this might be secured by the Government or the Chamber, or both, being represented on the Board of Directors. And there, apparently, the whole matter still rests.

HARBOUR PIRACY SCARE.

THIS MORNING'S FALSE ALARM.

Launch Which Was Delayed.

There were startling rumours in town this morning to the effect that another launch belonging to the Hongkong and Yau Man Ferry Company had been pirated in the harbour, but investigations show that the story has no truth. One of the launches, named the Man Hing, was delayed in commencing her run, and this fact gave rise to the rumours.

The officials of the Company were considerably perturbed when word came over the telephone from the Hongkong wharf to say that the Man Hing, which should have turned up at the wharf at 5.30 a.m. to take her place on the day's service, had not appeared, and as half-an-hour passed without news being received of her whereabouts, fears were expressed that another piracy had occurred. As a result, amongst the officials and employees of the Company, at the Shamshui end intrusions were obtained to secure all assistance, police and otherwise, in a search for the missing vessel. When the necessary measures for the search had been put into operation, the launch which was the cause of all the excitement calmly put in an appearance at the Shamshui wharf. The reports about her had been greatly exaggerated, and when an explanation was forthcoming to account for the delay, it was found to be very simple indeed. It appears that the Man Hing, after being released for the night from the Shamshui run, had proceeded to the Mongkok wharf, where she tied up whilst her engines and boiler were overhauled. This had not been completed in the time expected, and considerable delay occurred before the boiler was fired and steam got up. A foki at the Hongkong wharf, chafing at the long delay and with visions of another visit from Mr. Wong Ng, had very dutifully rung up the offices of the Company and thus put a very alarming complexion on the state of affairs. The Company were much reassured when the Man Hing turned up eventually and a simple explanation was forthcoming regarding the delay of the boat.

MOTOR SMASH.

POLICE SERGEANT LOST CASE.

Judgment was given this morning by Mr. Justice Gompertz in the case in which Police Sergeant F. T. James and Mrs. James claimed \$577 from the Moon Garage for damages as the result of a motor collision on the road between Stanley and Repulse Bay.

The case was fully reported in yesterday's *Telegraph*. This morning, his Lordship stated that the plaintiff was suing for damages for the negligence of the defendant's servant. He (his Lordship) was not satisfied that negligence had been made out and he thought that even if there was negligence, there was probably contributory negligence on the other side.

Judgment was given for the defendants, with cost.

RUSSO-POLISH FRICTION.

Dispute Over Memel and Vilna.

London, March 13. When the League of Nations appears en route to a solution of the future of Memel, Russia has intervened by dispatching a Note to Poland protesting against a settlement of the question by a third party, as being a violation of the Russo-Lithuanian peace treaty.

A Warsaw message says the newspapers are very indignant at what they consider the hostile tone of the Note, and are particularly incensed at the passage questioning Poland's right to Vilna. They hint at possible rupture of Russo-Polish diplomatic relations.—*Reuter*.

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

CEYLON ATTORNEY GENERAL APPOINTED.

Successor to Sir William Rees Davies.

We are officially informed that Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, K. C., C.B.E., Attorney General of Ceylon, has been appointed Chief Justice of Hongkong in succession to Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., who is shortly retiring.

The new Chief Justice, who was born at Coquimbo, Chile, on January 8th, 1868, is a son of the late Sir Alexander Gollan, K.C.M.G., and was married in 1908 to a daughter of Sir James Nelson Norris, of St. Louis, U.S.A. Educated at Charterhouse and Edinburgh University, where he received the M. A. degree in 1887, he was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1891. Northern Circuit, and practised in London until 1899, when he became Private Secretary to Sir Frederick Lugard, who was later to become Governor of Hongkong. When the latter went to Nigeria as Administrator, Mr. Gollan (as he then was) accompanied him as Private Secretary and later became Attorney General there, subsequently being appointed Chief Justice. Whilst in Nigeria he prepared the Criminal Code in 1894 and Nigerian Proclamations in the following year, for which he received the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

In 1904, he was transferred to Bermuda as Chief Justice and President of the Legislative Council, and again received the thanks of the Secretary of State in 1905 for preparing the Courts Consolidating Acts. In the same year, he was appointed Chairman of the Produce Commission, in 1906 became Chairman of the Aliens Committee and in the year following was made Chairman of the Board of Education. In 1911, he was appointed Attorney General to Trinidad, where he remained for seven years, being then transferred to Ceylon as Attorney General, which post he has since held. He was created C.B.E. in 1918 and knighted in 1921.

The salary attaching to the post of Attorney General of Ceylon is £1,800, whilst that of the Chief Justice of Hongkong is £2,400.

HONGKONG "FIRES."

DIVIDEND OF \$35.

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, to be held on 27th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1923 of a dividend of \$35 per share, amounting to \$280,000, to pass \$200,000 to credit of Reserve Fund and \$17,837 8s. 2d. to ex 237s. \$153,749 8s. to credit of Reinsurance Fund, carrying forward \$515,163.24 in respect of the year 1923.

THE FRANC'S RECOVERY.

London, March 13. The greatest enthusiasm in France has been occasioned by the improvement in the franc, especially when it again passed the "psychological century" and closed at 93.25.

MINERS MIGHT STRIKE.

London, March, 13. The miners' delegate conference has adjourned until tomorrow, after a discussion revealing considerable opposition to the owners' offer.—*Reuter*.

HOLLAND'S SUMMER-TIME.

The Hague, March 13. The Second Chamber has passed a resolution by 45 to 32 asking the Government, in the general interest, to repeal the summer-time law.—*Reuter*.

HARBOUR BANG.

JUNK CREW BLOWN UP.

How Did it Happen?

A terrific explosion, which was heard several miles away and gave rise to all manner of rumours, occurred aboard a junk at Shamshui yesterday afternoon, and resulted in four deaths as well as several other serious casualties.

The junk was moored by the seawall opposite the ice factory at Tung Chow Street, and was being loaded with bags of sulphur and bags of saltpetre from the Kwong Wah Hing shop's godown. About three hundred bags were aboard when there was a sudden explosion—some say two quick explosions in succession—and the junk was absolutely wrecked, with only part of the centre-board and ribs visible afterwards. The people working on the junk were practically blown into the air, and altogether four persons were killed and five injured. The only one to escape with nothing more than a ducking was a woman who was at the stern doing some cooking.

The neighbourhood received much damage from the force of the explosion, glass windows in the ice factory and in other buildings in the vicinity being smashed, and the wooden window frames in some cases being blown out. Several persons were struck by splinters.

The police were soon on the scene, and attended to the hurts of the survivors until the ambulance arrived to take them to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Those who were killed were—A Chinese woman of 60, the owner of the junk; a woman of 25; a girl of ten; and a boy of five. The last two were the old woman's grandchildren. Their bodies were not to be found after the explosion. The younger woman was found lying on the ground a short distance away with a deep gash on her head, and apparently she was struck by flying wreckage. The injured comprise three women (one of whom was severely burned and was taken to hospital unconscious) and two men.

THE CAUSE?

It is difficult to assign a cause to the explosion. The interesting part about the junk's cargo is that it consisted of two of the three ingredients necessary to make gunpowder, but apparently they were separate. It seems almost impossible that they could of themselves have combined to form such a highly explosive mixture as resulted in yesterday's tragedy. It is fairly generally known that gunpowder is at its highest pitch of explosiveness when the proportions of its ingredients are properly mixed (approximately 75 per cent. saltpetre, 15 per cent. charcoal, and 10 per cent. sulphur). Mere concussion will not ignite gunpowder, and saltpetre of itself will not explode. So how crude, and probably somewhat damp, saltpetre and sulphur could have gone off in such a big bang, unmixed, is a mystery.

A likely solution that occurs to us is that the two materials had been stored in contact for some time, and the high content of oxygen in the saltpetre (nitrate of potash) had combined with some of the sulphur, which, becoming oxygenated, was ready to ignite in the form of a somewhat crude blasting powder. However, the next factor required is ignition; and that seems to be suggested by the cooking-fire in the stern of the boat, or even a lighted cigarette. It is no doubt a matter for the authorities to puzzle over, and possibly some further light will be thrown on the subject by their investigations.

TO-DAY.

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Temperature 2 p.m. 55
Humidity 2 p.m. 79
Lightning No-Time 6.32 p.m.

INTERPORT CRICKETER RETIRING.



Mr. W. A. H. Moles, headmaster of the C. M. S. Anglo-Chinese School, Shanghai, since 1890 and one of the most prominent cricketers in Shanghai, who is leaving by the Empress of Asia, with the intention of settling down in the homeland, after thirty-five years' residence in the Settlement. Hongkong cricketers will recall him as a participant in many Interport games.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

SUGGESTION TO HAVE SMALLER ARMY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 13. In the House of Commons a Government motion to suspend the eleven o'clock rule in order to debate the army estimates, because the business was behind-hand, was defeated by 234 to 207, but this defeat is not regarded as vital within the terms of the statement Mr. MacDonald has made more than once. Mr. Walsh proceeded to introduce the estimates.

Mr. Clynes explained that the course proposed was the alternative to taking private members' time. He admitted in response to pressure that a Labourite back benches' motion to reduce the personnel of the army by 150,000 would be debated after eleven. This evoked Conservative and Liberal protests, culminating in a challenge and the division. The only effect of the defeat is that all the time available to private members will be taken up by the Government in order to overtake the business that must be completed before March 31. A number of Liberals voted with the Government, hence the announcement of the figures evoked an outburst of enthusiasm amongst the Conservatives and cries of "Resign!"

Machines vs. Man-Power.

London, February 13. In the House of Commons, moving the army estimates, Mr. Walsh explained that the estimates had been prepared by the previous Government, but he was satisfied that they were framed with due regard to economy and the needs of the country. He declared that if the German menace had disappeared it must be remembered the distant British possessions cannot be left defenceless. (Opposition cheers). The difficulties we had to contend with in Egypt, Iraq, India and the East would not at present warrant any decrease in the strength of the army. There were signs of an improvement in recruiting. The policy of substituting machines for man-power required a highly equipped research department, which which would have to be one of the finest it was possible to organise.

A motion relative to pensions and grievances of certain ranker officers was defeated by 220 to 201, after Mr. Baldwin had endorsed Mr. MacDonald's suggestion for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the whole matter. Mr. Page Croft pointed out that compared with 1914, we had reduced our trained forces by 260,000. No other country had done anything like this. Mr. Attlee, replying to the debate, declared that we were well up to the standard of other armies with regard to inventions. The debate was then adjourned.

NO EVACUATION OF THE RUHR.

ESTIMATE OF THE YEAR'S REPARATIONS.

Paris, March 13. Reviewing the results of the occupation of the Ruhr by the Senate, M. Poincaré said the receipts for 1924 were estimated at four milliards of francs and the expenditure at one milliard, leaving three milliards available for reparations. No-one any longer dreamt of asking them to evacuate the Ruhr.

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GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

The Reichstag Dissolved.

Berlin, March 13. Owing to the opposition's insistence on altering the Government's emergency decrees, Herr Brüning has dissolved the Reichstag. The date of the elections has not yet been fixed.—*Reuter*.

S.S. SANTIAGO'S CREW RESCUED.

London, March 13.

Lloyd's at New York report that the British steamer *Colonial*, due at Newport News, wirelessly that it has picked up a boat with the crew of the steamer *Santiago*.—*Reuter*.

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-CHINA.GENERAL SYNOD AT
CANTON.

During the last few days Hongkong has had the pleasure of welcoming many Bishops and delegates from all parts of China. They are on their way to attend the meetings of the General Synod of the Chinese Church, which takes place from March 16th-23rd, at Canton.

The Synod, as Bishop Norris reminded us, in a forceful sermon at the Cathedral, meets not merely to discuss but to legislate. Its meetings are therefore of vital interest to all who look forward to the progress of Christianity in the Far East.

The General Synod consists of two Houses; the House of Bishops, which includes in its membership all Diocesan and Assistant Bishops of the Anglican communion in China whether foreign or Chinese (there is at present only one Chinese Bishop), and of a House of Deputies, both clerical and lay. Each Diocese has the right to send four clergy and four lay to the House of Deputies; these may be either foreigners or Chinese as the Diocese may decide; and it makes no difference whether the Diocese is large or small. As a matter of fact the Chinese delegates are already in a majority and the proportion of Chinese to foreign increases at every Synod.

The provisional agenda drawn up by the Standing Committee contains an imposing list of subjects for legislation. Reports of Committee in both Houses include those on Trust Funds; Canons; Christian Unity; Prayer Book; Religious Education; Church Literature; State of the Church; and Central Theological School. The Synod Committee will report on the Lectureship, Marriage questions, and the Deaconate of Women. Bishop Banister will report on Chinese abroad.

The joint session of the Board of Missions will be held on Wednesday the 19th. Several motions are to be submitted:

(1) By North China Diocesan Synod: "That with a view to initiating a uniform scheme for providing pensions for Chinese workers in all the Dioceses of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, the General Synod be requested to appoint a Committee to consider this question and, if possible, to draw up regulations for a scheme that shall be acceptable to and workable in every Diocese."

(2) By Fukien Diocesan Synod: "That the General Synod consider the preparation of a history of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui."

(3) By Bishop Graves: "That the General Synod be asked to enact a Canon on Marriage and Divorce. Special reports of the deliberations will be sent down from Canton and will doubtless be followed with great interest by all Church people in the Colony."

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. SURREYS.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F. C. in their match versus the Surrey in the final of the Hongkong Shield, to be played on the Club ground on Saturday, kick-off 4.15 p.m.:—A. Duncan; F. Wheeler, T. L. Knight; A. Turner, J. McKelvie, H. Wheeler; A. Latham, K. A. Mason, H. Roberts, R. Nash, J. Muir. Reserves: S. Hayes and M. Howarth.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. R. A. M. C.

The University second string beat R.A.M.C. by a considerable margin in this Second League match on the University ground on Wednesday. Scores:

University.	
B. P. Ng, c. McCurrah b Walker	18
M. A. Kyum, c. Balchin b Walker	4
M. Osman, b Nash	17
C. W. Lam, b Walker	0
J. L. Young, c. Howarth b Walker	4
S. Omar, b Osbourne	18
J. Noronha, c. Chilton b Balchin	19
S. Hachima, c. Nash b Walker	27
H. Y. Leong, c. Howarth b Percy	5
W. H. Shing, c. McCurrah b Walker	0
A. T. M. Barma, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	123

Bowling Analysis.	
Walker	14.3 3 38
Percy	10 2 30
Nash	6 2 22
Osbourne	8 1 16
Balchin	1 1 12

R. A. M. C.

Capt. Howarth, b Omar	5
P. McCurrah, c. Kyum b Youngs	4
Capt. Walker, c. Leong b Youngs	14
Sgt. Percy not out	23
Pte. Nash, c. Kyum b Lam	2
Pte. Osbourne run out	0
Pte. Balchin, c. and b Lam	6
Pte. Chilton, b Lam	8
Pte. Belcher, b Youngs	0
Pte. Scrutton, c. Shing b Youngs	0
Pte. Derry, b Youngs	1
Extras	7
Total	72

Bowling Analysis.	
Omar	10 1 24
Youngs	7.1 2 24
Lam	9 0 17

* One wide.

Civil Service v Indian R. C.

In this friendly match the following will represent Civil Service on the C. S. C. ground at 2.15 p.m., on Saturday.—A. E. Wood (Captain), R. E. O. Bird, E. W. Hamilton, A. R. Sutherland, T. H. B. Nibill, E. B. Reed, B. D. Evans, F. H. Holdman, F. Baker.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a League match against the Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI on the former's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—D. Rumpah (Capt.), S. Khan, E. A. Moosdeen, O. Rumpah, H. D. Rumpah, M. P. Madar, Y. A. Wabab, E. Nozarin, A. Kitchell, A. K. Minu and S. Casumbhoy.

BORNEO OIL.

OPERATIONS TO BE
EXTENDED.

London, Mar. 12.—Seventy thousand and ten-shilling shares of British North Borneo petroleum syndicate stock are being offered to shareholders at 15—with the object of extending operations.

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MOTOR FATALITY.

TRUCK DRIVER CHARGED.

Kong Tong, a licensed motor car driver, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged with manslaughter.

Inspector Kent said that on the 4th inst. a motor lorry going along the Praya towards Kennedy Town ran into a coolie who was coming out of a go-down. After the accident the driver handed the wheel over to another driver; the defendant who was on the lorry. The injured man was taken to the Sanying Police Station, where he was examined. He was then put in the lorry, with a constable in charge, to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital. Whilst the men were in the station the lorry was left outside facing east, and to take it to the hospital it had to be turned around.

In backing to go up Pokfulam Road, defendant ran it on to the pavement, knocking down some people and killing a child seven years old. Two other men, who were also injured, were still in the hospital and would not be out for another two months.

Giving evidence, Dr. Minitt, officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said that he performed the post mortem on Sin Wong, the deceased; and there were numerous injuries to his head, including a fractured skull extending from above the nose to the back of the head.

After hearing further evidence the case was adjourned.

SKELETON IN CHAINS.

While removal work was being carried on last month at historic castle of Blackness, on the shore of the Firth of Forth, the workmen found a human skeleton, with iron shackles attached to it, in one of the lower apartments. In ancient times Blackness Castle was a State prison.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NAVY ESTIMATES.

London, March 13.
The Navy estimates for 1924-5 are £55,800,000, a reduction of £2,200,000 compared with the present year. They include £1,800,000 for the commencement of five cruisers and two destroyers.

The Estimates are approximately the equivalent of £34,500,000 pre-war, hence the scale of expenditure on the Navy has been reduced much below the 1914-5 standard, and is equal to the expenditure for 1903-4, before the expansion, to meet the German menace. The personnel is 100,000 compared with 99,500 in the previous year.

A Memorandum states that the general strategic position now permits a return to more normal conditions than the retention of most of the more modern vessels in Home waters, which was necessary for many years prior to the late war.

In the Mediterranean two destroyer flotillas will be replaced by later type vessels, and the Fleet in the Mediterranean will be gradually brought up to the following: the Atlantic Fleet being correspondingly reduced: No battleships; two light cruiser squadrons; four destroyer flotillas; two depot ships; two aircraft carriers; one repair ship, one submarine flotilla and one submarine depot ship.—*Reuter*.

THE ORDUNA.

New York, March 13.
Three million dollars will probably be demanded as bail for the Orduna. Those arrested have been admitted to bail of \$10,000 each.—*Reuter's American Service*.

AQUARIUM BOOM.

Not the Old Torture
Chamber.

This year is likely to see a great aquarium boom similar to that of the sixties, when public aquaria sprang up in several towns of this country as well as abroad, says a Home paper.

This is expected to be the result of the opening of "the world's largest aquarium" at the Zoo this spring, and the contemporary extensive venture of the kind by Mac Fisheries, Ltd., at the British Empire Exhibition.

At one time an "aquarium" too frequently meant a gasping goldfish in a shadeless, foodless, un-aerated globe of water—a veritable torture chamber.

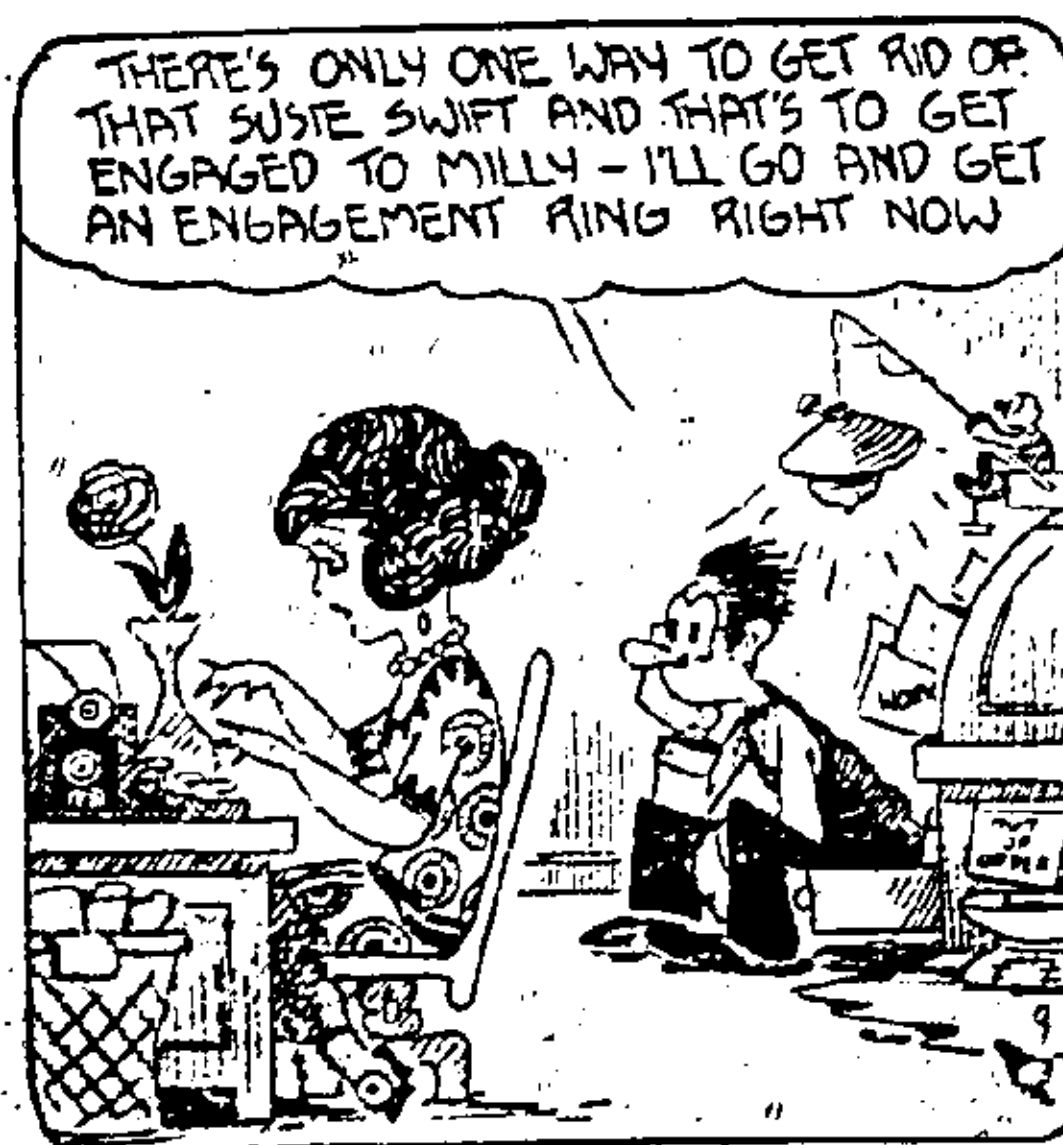
Dealers are this year making arrangements for record importations, and the British Aquarium Society, of 4, Fetterlane, E.C., formed but four years ago, has doubled its membership in 12 months.

It would be interesting to know who actually started the aquarium hobby. The Chinese and Japanese, in their own clever way, have specialised in the keeping and breeding of fancy fish for many centuries, whilst the ancient Romans were so keen that they constructed canals in order that fresh supplies of salt water from the sea might, at high tide, replenish the ponds and aquaria which formed such a characteristic feature of their houses.

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AUSTRALIAN FAUNA.

Visit To Tropical Queensland.

The expedition under the leadership of Captain G. F. Wilkins, which is engaged in collecting on behalf of the Trustees of the British Museum natural history specimens, principally mammals and birds, in Australia and the adjacent islands, recently spent three months in tropical Queensland, and the fruits of its labours have just reached the Natural History Museum. On his return to Brisbane from collecting trip in South Queensland, Captain Wilkins remained only a fortnight, just long enough to send off the specimens, before sailing with his three companions (Professor V. Kottff, J. E. Young, and O. P. Cornwell) on June 16 for Thursday Island, the well-known pearl fishery centre lying to the north-east of Cape York, at the extreme north of Queensland. A few hours after arrival the party embarked in a launch placed at their disposal by the Commonwealth Government, and sailed back again along the east coast of Cape York. A halt was made at Bird Island. The name held out hopes of birds in plenty, but they proved disappointingly few, both in actual numbers and in variety of species. Striped honey-eaters, brown doves, and wood swallows were the most numerous; a bird of the rail kind was observed, but only a glimpse was enough of it as it darted through the mangrove scrub. Cape Grenville, where the party disembarked to carry on its researches inland, is the northern bluff of Temple Bay. This great bay has a coastline of several hundred miles, and many rivers run into the sea there. The Olive River, which is over a mile wide where it enters Temple Bay, had not been properly surveyed, and this river was traced for 16 miles. At this point navigation became impossible, though the dinghy drew barely 4 ft. of water; for the river divides into several small creeks, and even on the main stream the way was barred by fallen trees. Captain Wilkins, however, followed it some way farther on foot and made rough sketches of its course, proving that it is quite distinct from the MacMillan River, with which its upper reaches are connected on the latest available maps.

Ants were the one exception to a general scarcity of insects; many kinds were noticed, but the commonest were the green tree ants. These are widely distributed throughout Queensland, but were most plentiful in the district around Temple Bay. They are not specially addicted to one kind of tree but appear equally at home in isolated, sea surrounded mangroves, low turkey bush on sandy hills, or tall gums on the ironstone ridges farther inland. Trailing creepers also afford them a home. They build their nests by weaving leaves together with a fine web, and it is said that they employ forced labour of spiders to do the weaving for them; but Captain Wilkins was not able to substantiate this story by personal observation. The nests are sometimes built in deciduous trees and fall to the ground, while still inhabited, when the leaves are shed. Tree-ants are eaten by the natives, who consider them a great delicacy, but Captain Wilkins expresses no opinion on this point.

SERIOUS DROUGHT.

The south-east monsoon was much less regular this season than usual and seems to have blown with redoubled violence to make up for lulls and veerings. The forest fires were largely due to the drought, and the drought presumably, to the vagaries of the monsoon. In North Queensland the drought was particularly bad. In one of the wettest districts the rainfall was 40 in. below the average, and 1924 is expected to prove the worst drought year ever experienced in Australia. Southwards, in the direction of Mein, where the soil becomes red and black and the country undulating, the drought is responsible for extraordinary conditions in the land surface, described locally as "mullinor country." The ground, which in wet weather is continuously boggy in the dry season becomes so much cracked and expanded that huge chasms as much as 3 ft. deep and 10 ft. wide appear, making it particularly dangerous for stockmen, and many serious accidents are reported as the result of horses falling into these holes. A visit was paid to the Homs Islands, off Cape Grenville, and

here bird life was plentiful though mammals seemed entirely absent. Indigenous tropical vegetation is as rare on these islands as on the mainland but a variety of exotic fruits are grown on Hicks Island, where many natives are employed on the plantations, among them two chiefs, whose exalted rank, however, brings them no higher rate of remuneration.

After seven weeks' hunting in the neighbourhood of Cape Grenville with no great success, Captain Wilkins decided to divide his forces. Mr. J. E. Young went southwards with the specimens collected to Townsville, on Cleveland Bay, and prepared a trip inland from there. Meanwhile Capt. Wilkins himself went inland from Temple Bay and then southwards to discover an area in which the York Peninsula fauna was well represented. No land transport was to be had, and he expected to have to make the whole journey on foot, but after tramping 50 miles he was able to obtain pack-horses, with which he travelled through Moreton Telegraph Station to York downs, then to Merlins and Mein, finally reaching the Batavia River, which runs between the western foothills of the Great Dividing Range. He found game plentiful in the country watered by the upper reaches of the Batavia River, and the western slopes of the "Great Divide" afforded some of the larger mammals, which were not to be found to the east, he did not, however, wait to hunt here himself but secured the services of Mr. H. C. McClennon, an experienced and well-known hunter, and entrusted him with the work of making a representative collection. Captain Wilkins hastened southwards to Coen where, too, he found some game, and crossed the Great Dividing Range and the broad flat plain between mountains and sea to Port Stewart, Princess-Charlotte Bay to await the Townsville steamer. Here he obtained the assistance of a man fishing for beche-de-mer (a sea slug exported as a food delicacy to China), and was thus enabled to spend two spare days exploring the vicinity of Lloyd's Bay, several miles north of Port Stewart. Finally, on Sept. 30, he joined his companions at Townsville.

WIDE RANGE OF FINDS.

The specimens received at the museum illustrate a widely varied field of scientific research. The mammals include the skeleton of a bottle-nose whale as well as flying foxes and flying squirrels, wallabies, and wallaroos. A most interesting animal is the cuscus, or short-eared opossum, a marsupial which varies considerably in size and colouring in different species; the eyes are large, indicating its nocturnal habits, and the tail is long, and prehensile at the tip. A member of this family was the first Australian mammal known in Europe, and was brought over early in the 17th century. Birds, reptiles and fishes are all well represented in the collection, some very curious and all of great interest. Insects and other invertebrates are fewer in number. A collection of marine biological specimens was made, which though little more could be afforded for the purpose, is likely to prove extremely interesting, because of the great distance to which the tides occasionally flow up the rivers; life at such places must obviously be adapted to water of varying salinity.

SUCH GEOLOGICAL WORK WAS ALSO

done. No gold was discovered though it is a land where prospectors are numerous and such names as "Dead Man's Secret" and "Lost Strike" are not infrequent. Ethnology was also not neglected, but little material was obtainable. The natives will work energetically if the employment offered them is varied, but they do not make steady or trustworthy labourers. Captain Wilkins points out that whatever may be the reason of the scarcity of animals it is not due to the use of firearms by the natives or because closer settlement is driving them away. The cause is not clear, though it may be climatic.

WATERLOO BRIDGE.

There is talk of widening Waterloo Bridge. Some say it would spoil the look of a masterpiece. Others argue that even masterpieces must suffer if the people need more room. The London County Council has asked for a committee report on the congested state of the traffic and the possibility of relieving it by a widening scheme.

EAT AND GROW THIN.

Advice to Those Who Would Reduce.

For lunch or dinner a wide choice awaits the patient. He may have:
Soups: for taking hot liquids into the stomach when beginning a meal is fattening. Some authorities allow clear soups, while forbidding thick soups and those containing macaroni, vermicelli, rice or barley, but I disagree totally.
Fish: containing much fat, such as salmon, eels or mackerel, or fish cooked in fat or oil.
Pork: or such fatty foods as goose, ducks, and some kinds of game, liver, brains, sweetbreads, or any meat fried in fat or butter, or rich made dishes, or entrees into the cooking of which oil or butter enters largely.
Potatoes, carrots, parsnips, baricot or butter beans, turnips, beet-root, asparagus, artichokes and peas. Among fruits, many sweet ones are forbidden, such as figs, dates, raisins, currants, mulberries, all fruit salads, etc., made with sugar.
Cream Cheese is not allowed, nor are milk-puddings, nor, indeed, any kind of boiled pudding.

This list of forbidden things may seem a long and comprehensive one; but there are many articles of food which are still permitted to the corpulent. It is not possible to arrange a diet which will suit everybody, as the personal idiosyncrasy has to be taken into account. The habit and the state of the general health have to be studied, also the mode of life. As a general rule, however, the obese may eat lean meat—mutton, beef, veal and chicken—also any kind of game, such as pheasant, partridge, hare, and leveret.
The fish allowed is any white flesh non-fatty, such as sole, plaice, whiting, brill, smelts, turbot, flounder, cod, halibut, skate, muller, and oysters, without rich sauce.

THE VEGETABLES.

Vegetables, plainly cooked may include French beans, spinach, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, saffron, cabbage, endives, artichokes, lettuce, aubergines, tomatoes, and onions. But let not the cook perform her favourite feat of masking her cabbage or marrow with a thick white sauce, for this concomitant is forbidden to the obese. Salads are ideal food for the fat but not made in the ordinary way with oil, or mayonnaise containing eggs. A special salad-dressing which has been devised for the corpulent is as follows: Take two tablespoonful of vinegar (slightly diluted if very strong), a pinch each of salt and pepper, a quarter teaspoonful of dry mustard, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley or chives, and a teaspoonful of either walnut ketchup or Worcester sauce.

The corpulent man may enjoy life and yet reduce his fat to a normal amount. There are many dangers in the much trumpeted "starvation" diets, though a rigorous reduction of the food intake is absolutely necessary. One may dine well and yet may dine wisely and reduce the weight. The thing to remember is to eat the proper kinds of food; and those who eat the plainest dishes will lose their superfluous tissue the more rapidly.

Let Moderation be the watchword, remembering the Roman saying that "everything becomes evil in excess."

In the diet recommended by Gautier 1290 calories were supplied each day, and the remaining 800 calories were borrowed from the consumption of stored-up fats in the body, the resultant loss of weight being nearly one pound a day. His diet was as follows:

Eight o'clock (breakfast). One egg, half ounce of bread, half ounce of meat.
10 o'clock. Two eggs, quarter ounce of bread, six ounces of wine and water.
12 o'clock. Half pound of lean meat, one ounce of green vegetables, and five ounces of wine and water.
Four o'clock. Tea without sugar.
Seven o'clock. A similar meal to that at 12.

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THE Forty-sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Monday the 31st March 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to 31st March 1924 both days inclusive. JARDINE MATHESON & CO. LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

HE interest and responsibility of Mr. John St. Harston in our firm ceased on the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. Reginald Frederick Martin as a partner in our firm as from the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE business of Solicitors and Notaries Public heretofore carried on by us under the style of Deacon, Harston & Shenton will, as from to-day's date, be carried on under the style of "DEACONS". DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

HOLDERS of licences for the storage of Dangerous Goods are hereby notified that their licences are due for renewal on April 1st, 1924. Applications for renewal of licences should be forwarded early before the expiration of the licence to enable the Dangerous Goods Inspector to examine the premises concerned. E. D. C. WOLFE, Capt. Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, 11th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 20th March 1924, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923. The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors. F. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 4th March 1924.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of March, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tsing I in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years, less three days. PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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6	At Tsing I.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
7	At Tsing I.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
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PUBLIC AUCTION

By Order of the Mortgagees, Particulars and Conditions of Sale

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Reason For The Change.

The Lion and the Unicorn which have been fighting for the Crown in the Royal Arms for the past fourteen years are to carry on their warfare in future on more dignified lines. They have been combed out and brushed up by an heraldic Clarkson who wishes to remain anonymous, and have received the appearance of ferocity and impressiveness appropriate to the "supporters" of so illustrious a bearing. The fact that the Royal Arms as revised made their first public appearance on the cover of the London Gazette on the same day as the formation of a Socialist Government gave rise to whimsical fiction that there was some connection between these events.

The Home Office declared to the Daily Express that a mere coincidence had occurred. "A committee of experts on the printing of Government publications," said an official, "reported that the old version of the Arms, when reproduced on small documents, became hardly recognizable."

Three new designs were submitted to the King, who gave them his approval. The largest and the others will be seen on the smaller official documents and Blue-books. In the new design the elaborate "mantling" on the top has been swept away. The Crown now stands out prominently, while the rampant Lion of Scotland and his strange fellows which represent England have lost some of their sausage-like disguise. The Harp of Ireland, too, has been made to look capable of melody.

GIRTON GIRL'S FALL. An inquest was held at Cambridge recently on Miss Molly Tracey, a first year Girton College student, who died from injuries received by falling from the tower of the college gate. Miss Tracey was climbing the tower in order to investigate a owl's nest in the turret.

CANTON JUNKS SEIZED.

ALSO A DUTCH LAUNCH.

News comes from Canton to the effect that the authorities there have seized seven cargo junks plying between Hongkong and Canton and had the masters arrested. The latter are accused of making false reports in regard to likin duty. The explanation given by the junk people is that they have usually paid the likin duty on behalf of the consignees to the Kowloon Maritime Customs authorities in Hongkong banknotes and therefore must get back a 20 per cent. premium on subsidiary coins. The authorities, however, demand a fine of \$5,000 in each case before the masters and junks can be released.

Commandeering of launches

and coolies is again taking place, being carried out by Hunanese troops. Even people who hold exemption discs are unable to escape being commandeered unless they pay a fine. A steam launch flying the Dutch flag was recently commandeered, with the result that the Dutch Consul lodged a protest with the authorities. An official communicated with the Hunanese headquarters on the subject, but the launch, which was dispatched to the East River, has not yet been returned.

CANTON TAX THREAT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONCERNED.

The Canton threat to levy a consumption tax last October has been the matter of correspondence between the Hongkong and Shanghai British Chambers of Commerce. In the course of a letter from the Hongkong Chamber to the Shanghai body published in the annual report, the following appears:—"H. B. M. Consul-General at Canton (Sir James Jamieson, K. C. M. G.) has represented to this Chamber that there is reason to fear that those in control of the Government at Canton, in their urgent need for funds, may declare Canton a free port and then reinstitute taxation to any extent that may seem good to them, thus circumventing the difficulty by which at present they are prevented from obtaining possession of the Chinese Customs revenues collected at Canton."

OVERLOADED BOAT.

MASTER HEAVILY FINED.

A flagrant case of overloading was investigated by the Harbour Master (Lieut. Commr. Conway Hake) this morning when Pang Muk, the master of the "Wa Sun," a steamer of 245 tons which arrived at 7.30 p.m. from Shan Mei on February 23rd, with 403 passengers, 66 bullocks, 370 pigs, and several crates of chicken on board was charged with carrying 97 passengers in excess. Mr. M. M. Watson defended.

P.S. Joy said he saw the boat enter Kowloon Bay obviously overloaded and he counted the passengers as they came down the gangway. The master was with him while he was counting them. He counted 375 and afterwards found 28 other passengers still on the boat. The boat was licensed to carry 306 passengers.

The master denied that he was carrying excess passengers. He counted 251 when he left Shan Mei. He was not, as stated by the sergeant, present when they were counted as they stepped off the boat.

Imposing a fine of \$250, the Harbour Master said that it was not clear what the excess passengers were, but it was obvious, taking into consideration the space occupied by the animals, that there was an excess. The boat is the property of Pak Hong, s.s. Co.

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AT LAST.

A matter which has commanded public attention in this Colony for over forty years has been at last settled by the Government's acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award on the military lands question. The Legislative Council yesterday gave its assent to that award, but not until there were strong protests both from Official and Unofficial quarters. The discussion is well summarised in His Excellency the Governor's very pointed observation that the War Office has, in this matter, driven a very hard bargain with the Colony. That has been general opinion from the day on which the terms of Sir John Oakley's valuation were first made known, and, unless some reduction is secured (which seems most improbable) it will continue to be the view held by all who have looked at all closely into the matter.

By the nature of the arrangement under which Sir John Oakley was appointed as valuer, the Colony was placed in an extremely awkward position—it had no option beyond either accepting or rejecting his terms. Variation of the award was made impossible. With the conditions thus, it will be agreed that the Council yesterday could not very well have done other than it did. To have turned down the award would have been to take us back to the point where negotiations would have had to be begun all over again. And we can imagine what they would have meant. All the same, we do find cause for regret in the fact that the protracted character of the bargaining has let this Colony into far heavier expenditure than was at first expected. We are having to pay very dearly for official methods of conducting business. Mr. Pollock raised some very pertinent points in his outspoken speech on behalf of his Unofficial colleagues which we should like to have seen adequately answered. If the law is as he expressed it—that neither party should be the gainer by the transaction—then we can only say that the military authorities have managed to get the better of the law. Presumably it is now too late in the day to test this point, though arbitration on it would have been altogether desirable. We are wondering whether it was sufficiently stressed before Sir John Oakley when he was here, or even before?

At the moment we have not the space to comment more fully on the subject, and we suppose we must find what comfort we can in the reflection that at long last the way has been opened up for development on the island which would have been impossible so long as the military remained where they now are. We must now try to forget our chagrin and pay up as smilingly as the circumstances permit. We are hoping, however, that early possession will be secured of such lands as are not occupied by buildings, both in order that much-needed development work may be put in hand and also that some of the areas may be realised on, with a view to getting something paid into the credit side of that formidable-looking special account which is to be opened.

Smiling Through.

One remembers the admonitions of parents and tutors, in days of adolescence, that it is the earnest, thoughtful man who gets on in the world. One recalls the stories of the ruthless captains of industry, the beetle-browed, stern iron-visaged leaders who have "success" written all over them—success by virtue of those excusable term efficient ferocity. Finally, comes a memory of the first day at a big school, when, wandering among scores of strangers, one attempted to cultivate an engaging smile (probably the result was little better than a smirk) until one was brutally told not to "grin like a Che-hire cat." So that it comes as something of a surprise to find in an exchange a discussion on the benefits of smiling through life. Apparently the ability to "get on" generally with other people is absolutely essential in the battle for success. The advocates of this theory declare that the longer one watches the careers of others the more one is impressed with the fact that the man who is difficult to get along with labours under a tremendous handicap. Occasionally, say they, one will notice a man with a bad temper or some other objectionable attribute who has become highly successful, but that is the exception to the rule.

Where Geniality Succeeds.

When the discussion turns to ordinary geniality, the pro-smile people are on firmer ground. Life is a pretty hard game. Most people have big natural handicaps, such as lack of ability, of money, or of powerful influence; but one of the greatest assets a man can have is a pleasant disposition. It costs nothing, but it helps mightily. Pleasantness is not always a natural gift, but it can be cultivated. But for real success, is that a sufficient attribute? Perhaps, in our more enlightened times, life has become something of a co-operative proposition, so that the man who subordinates himself on behalf of the mutual endeavour is the gainer in the long run. The modern theory is that the individual is never as important as the organisation. Yet one can query whether the man who goes through life with a cheery smile is going to attain more than mediocrity, or popularity of a subordinate kind. The ways of the world are much the same as they were thousands of years ago; and one looks for more than a pleasant disposition in a leader. The man who really gets on is he who can be serious on occasion, because he is intelligent enough to take life seriously.

"SENSITIVE" CLAIM.

A TYPIST'S MISTAKE.
When a case was called before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning, Mr. Leo D'Almada asked his Lordship if he read the writ. On receiving a reply in the negative, Mr. D'Almada said that the claim appeared to be a very "sensitive" one. He read: "The plaintiffs claim from the defendant the sum of \$450 paid by plaintiffs to the defendant upon a consideration that has piles."—(Laughter).
Mr. Russ, who appeared for the other side, said that the last word should have been "failed." He could only account for the mistake as arising from a combination of his extraordinary bad writing and his inefficient typist.—(Laughter).
The wording was amended and the case adjourned.

DAY BY DAY.

THE WHOLE OF OUR CIVILISATION CONSISTS IN REASONABLENESS, IN FAIR PLAY, IN KINDLY CONSIDERATION ONE FOR ANOTHER.—Ramsay MacDonald.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

Discovered lying in his cubicle, his throat cut with a chopper, a Chinese named Au Yau, aged 24, was taken from his home at Shanghai Street in the Kwong Wah Hospital in a serious condition. Attempted suicide is suspected.

Long a name to conjure with among fiction readers, Robert W. Chambers will soon be an equally strong draw for cinema-goers, if the high standard set in "The Fighting Chance" is any criterion. This entertaining picture will be screened for the first time at the Star Theatre this evening.

A Kai Tack Company bus-driver appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Police Court this morning, on a charge of causing the death of a little girl, who was run over by his bus at Kowloon City recently. He was remanded on the application of Inspector Ogg. The medical statement says that death was caused by one wheel of the bus running over the child.

A notice to mariners, dated March 13th, states that boring on the north shore of the island will be carried out on the west side of the Kowloon peninsula between Kowloon Point and the Naval Camber. The junks employed will display the following signals:—By day: Red flag with black ball below. By night: Two red lights vertically. All vessels and craft are to pass well clear and at slow speed.

At 1.30 this afternoon, an accident occurred on the waterfront, near the Western Market. A woman got on to the tram tracks and was knocked down by tramcar No. 29 which had just rounded the bend. Ample warning was given by the driver, but she was unable to get out of the way in time, owing to her bound feet. She received injuries to the head which caused unconsciousness, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include photographs taken at the wedding of Lieut.-Col. W. N. Nicholson and Miss Una Phyllis Higgins, a group of the officials and players of the Hongkong Football Club, including Mr. K. J. Wilton, the popular President of the Club; a photograph of the staff of the Electrical Engineers' Department of the Naval Yard; and a photo of Mr. D. O. de Silva, of Hongkong, in the costume of honorary Chief of the Island of Taveuni, Fiji.

Children will be especially interested to see "The Darling of New York," this evening's big Coronet Theatre draw—that is, the children of all ages, for the picture is one that will appeal to everybody who enjoys good fun, simple pathos, healthy excitement, and delightful surprise. Young and old will find it equally enjoyable because young and old are equally fond of the star who takes the leading role—little Baby Peggy, who is second only to Jackie Coogan among the screen's child favourites.

SUBTERRANEAN FIRE.

The smouldering of a works refuse tip of many years' standing on a plot of land of about six acres in Tipton, Staffordshire, has caused the destruction of two dwelling-houses and rendered a third so dangerous to its occupants that they are waiting with all furniture packed for the first opportunity of getting into fresh quarters. The fire seriously threatened two more houses in the same row, and has raised various problems for the unfortunate occupants, the owners, the local authority, and sundry insurance companies for which no solution is in sight.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.

USE OF NAVAL INSTALLATIONS.

The subject of wireless communication between Hongkong and Canton whenever ordinary telegraphic transmission is interrupted (as it often is) has been the subject of correspondence between the local Chamber of Commerce, the Canton British Chamber of Commerce, and shipping agents, and representations in the matter have been made to Government.

From the annual report of the Hongkong Chamber we extract the following portion of a letter addressed in September by the Chamber to the Colonial Secretary:

"This Chamber has recently again had under consideration the unsatisfactory state of telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Canton, upon which subject a letter was addressed to the Government on the 30th March last.

The service under the control of the Chinese Telegraph Administration is so frequently interrupted as to impede very seriously the commercial relations between the two ports, and the Chamber earnestly invites the assistance of the Government in endeavouring to secure for merchants an alternative means of communication when, for any reason, the Ordinary service is suspended. Wireless installations on Naval vessels naturally suggest themselves for this purpose, and the Chamber asks the Government to seek the cooperation of the Naval Authorities to secure the end in view.

It is suggested that if the Naval Authorities cannot themselves provide additional wireless staff for gunboats—once the principle of transmitting commercial messages by Naval vessels is established—they might be willing to permit the Hongkong Government to furnish the additional wireless staff necessary. In this connection it may be added that the Chamber hopes that the day is not far distant when the Government will establish a training school for Chinese operators in Wireless Telegraphy. Service on gunboats might ultimately form a useful part of the training of senior students in such an establishment."

The Colonial Secretary replied:—"I am directed to inform you that the Commodore is prepared to sanction the transmission to Canton of private messages by naval wireless when the ordinary methods of communication have broken down provided that the messages are forwarded to him through your Chamber.

The question of the adequacy of the wireless staff on board British gunboats has been referred for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief."

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

APPRECIATION OF DR. PEARCE'S WORK.

In the annual report of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce there is interesting reference to the Chinese language school conducted under the auspices of the Chamber. In a letter written last July to Rev. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., LL.D., the director of studies at the school, by the secretary of the Chamber, there occurs the following:—"In the view of the Committee, the diminished attendance is probably quite a temporary condition, due to the fact that very few new assistants have joined local staffs in recent months. The work of the School, under your able direction, is of such value as an aid to commercial efficiency that there can be no question of the Chamber relinquishing this department of its activities, at any rate so long as you are able to undertake the duties of Studies. I am directed by my Committee to convey to you an expression of its cordial appreciation of your most valuable work as Director of the Chinese Language School. It is fully realised that your services, which have resulted in a considerable number of students acquiring a knowledge of Cantonese in a surprisingly short time, would not be easily replaceable, and it is hoped that you may long enjoy health and strength to enable you to continue in the performance of this very great service to the business community."

LOCAL STORM WARNINGS.

SUGGESTED STATION ON PRATAS ISLAND.

From the report to be presented at the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce we extract the following references to a proposed station on Pratras Island to serve as a typhoon warning centre.

At a joint meeting held last year of the General Committee and the Shipping Sub-Committee the question of storm warnings was discussed. In this connection Mr. Claxton, Director of the Observatory, said: "The next item is the question of radio-telegraphic stations at various points—a very expensive affair. I do not suppose they will be erected at once, but we certainly ought to begin with the Pratras. Caped Aguilera cost about \$100,000 to install, and costs about \$60,000 a year to keep up. We don't want anything so elaborate as that, but it is going to cost a lot of money."

The Chairman: "It may be cheaper in the long run."

Mr. Edkins: "Our suggestion was in favour of dealing with that through the Chinese Maritime Customs, that being a Chinese island. They would probably deal with it more quickly than anyone else and it would remove the international difficulty."

Mr. Claxton considered that intelligent, reliable men could do the work, and the Hon. Mr. Farr expressed doubt as to whether such men would care to work in such a remote place.

The opinion that a Wireless and Observing Station should be established on the Pratras shoal was re-affirmed.

The following letter was addressed to the Chamber by Mr. R. Sutherland last November:—"I recently had a call from Captain Hailey of the 'Empress of Australia,' who informs me that, during his last trip across the Pacific in the 'Empress of Canada,' Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector General of Chinese Customs, was a passenger."

Captain Hailey states that Sir Francis discussed with him the possibilities of erecting a wireless station on the Pratras Shoal and was interested to know that your Chamber had already recommended the scheme. He stated that if the Chamber of Commerce would submit their recommendations to him he would do all possible to carry out your wishes, and he would appear to have spoken very hopefully of the chances of success."

Sir Francis thought that it might be possible to get the Chinese Government to first place a small light there in the way of the thin end of the wedge, and it would then be easier to eventually install an observing and wireless installation. I pointed out to Captain Hailey that I understood from seafaring men that a light was really not required, in fact it was generally considered undesirable, as the vicinity of the Pratras was a place to be avoided, and not "made for" with a view of picking up a ship's position. Captain Hailey concurred with these views, but suggested that the matter might be left to Sir Francis Aglen to consider. I understood Sir Claud Severn was also a passenger and at times discussed the proposal with the Inspector General. It seems to me that this is an opportunity not to be lost, and I would suggest for the consideration of your Committee a proposal that the Inspector General be addressed direct by your Chamber, and a general resume sent him of all that has been done up to date. It will then be necessary, I presume, to advise the Local Government what is transpiring, who in turn will inform H.B.M. Minister at Peking."

GOING TO CANTON.

WILL HE COME BACK?

Mr. T. C. Bennett, in applying for an adjournment in a case which came before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning, stated that his client wished to go to Canton. Mr. Webster, for the other side:—"What guarantee have I got that he will ever come back?"—(Laughter).

Mr. Bennett:—"I don't think he is going up with the idea of avoiding the case."

His Lordship got over the difficulty by fixing the case for the 26th, adding that if the amount of the claim were paid into Court by Monday and the defendant's bona fides thereby established, the case would be formally adjourned for a fortnight. This compromise was accepted by both solicitors.

A LOCAL CAUSERIE.

[BY "IMPRESSIONIST."]

The publicity given to the views of the Rev. W.J. Wallace in a Home paper on the game of mah-jongg, in which he asked that the ecclesiastical ban be extended to this alleged evil, has caused quite a stir in local dovecot, rather, sparrow, cotes. For in a laudable attempt to keep up with the spirit of the times, this Colony, in common with other places, has taken to the game seriously and there are many residents to whom the views of the reverend gentleman possess the deepest interest. After having assiduously studied the standard rules as published by a former Magistrate of this Colony—and who could be a better judge?—and applied them to the business of "chewing" and dispersing the winds during the past year or so, they suddenly wake up to the shocking knowledge that "sparrows" is an evil and as such is to be taboo. Too late the denunciation came to save them. Some have sinned too deeply to withdraw at this juncture, for the joss of mah-jongg has them in its thrall and "pong" they must.

Joking apart, I think Mr. Wallace has been unduly hard on a game considered not to be lacking in certain merits as a means of recreation. For your mah-jongg expert, if he is worth his salt, will always endeavour to win on what he considers his savvy, his intelligent anticipation of the probabilities, and leave that inconsiderable element of luck in the background, or at least as a factor not deserving of especial notice. If it should help him to any great degree, it is a peculiar thing to observe that he will not admit it, but will put it down to his own skill. I have often watched games the close of which have been invariably followed by arguments as to the merits of each individual player. The various moves are fought (verbally) over again and carefully contrasted with the results. In this respect the mah-jongg fiend is often a nuisance, but is harmless enough if you will only rub him the right way, which is to be done by patiently hearing him out.

Of course, money does change hands on these occasions. Few games attract long without a little gamble. Most Europeans here are content to plod along, adding only a small monetary filip to the game to help them along in their ambition of securing a big score. The whole question, examined in detail, can be said to depend purely on the individual conscience, to be exercised in the same way as when engaging on other card games. Certainly it can be claimed that mah-jongg is not any worse than many other forms of gambling, and having declared so emphatically against its vogue in China, Mr. Wallace may next extend his campaign against *luncheon* and *puke*—two other games which are equally popular in this part of the world, but, according to well-qualified opinion, very much more pernicious in their effects.

During the week a gentleman by the name of Wong, Ng, of filibustering instincts, returned to this Colony eighteen passengers whom he took away to his residence on the Shamshui launch Kwong Shun. Short of leaving his calling card behind, he appeared to have had much his own way, and was careful in deciding on what good things he should have when he pointed out a prodigious pile of "Morley" singlets and tinned provisions. The whole incident is a startling one and it is just as well that certain flaws in the present system of police control should be exposed, for only by a recognition of these disadvantages can conditions in the Colony be brought to that improved state so long desired by the public.

Palpably the weak point lies in the system of search for arms as carried on at the wharves, and any preventive measures to be effective against the repetition of piracy must start from this point and not on the shore which guards and the ship's officers are expected by the Government to take to prevent the actual occurrence of attacks. Short of a continuous watch on passengers and cargo, it is conceivable that a leakage may occur here and there without detection. A point to be considered is—Are the Chinese constables put on the search as reliable as could be wished for? For we do not overlook the fact that in a recent case a constable came in for sharp criticism from one of the Magistrates for demanding and accepting a bribe from a passenger in default of searching his luggage. His Worship went so far as to remark that probably that was how the greater number of piracy cases had originated. At the moment there are very few European officers engaged on this work, and this is a point which deserves instant attention.

Perhaps now that we are to have police searches at the wharves and other precautions taken to prevent another of these launches from being spirited away, it will not be too much to ask that the Companies exercise a little more attention in the way the comfort of passengers is looked after. Europeans seldom travel on these ferries, but when they do they find themselves confronted with another kind of pirate. I am referring to the youth who, with three wicked-looking knives, will rush up to a passenger and perform tricks which are at once an entertainment and a threat to the passengers' reluctance at parting with an odd ten-cent bit or so. The demand becomes so insistent that, to save himself, the nervous passenger is forced to back himself against his seat, at the same time extending a reluctant hand to his pocket for the needful. Then there is the sickly-looking prodigy, who, after extracting some stray notes from an instrument, claims your admiration by the deft way in which he is able to juggle the coins from your pocket. Added to these nuisances we have the seller of alleged magical cures, the expectorations of other passengers, and a trip on one of these Chinese ferries becomes a unique experience.

RESOLUTION.

BY BERTON BRADLEY.

Time was I said, "I firmly vow
I will not throw my time away
In playing auction bridge!" But now
I play.
I fell at last for bridge, but I
Vociferate with leather lung,
"I never do intend to try
Mah Jong!"
You'll not be draggin' me around
To play Mah Jong. My will is strong.
(You say this is the proper sound
—Mah Jong?)
All right, pronounce it as you may.
You won't bamboozle me along.
I absolutely will not play
Mah Jong.
You waste your wind, your words I spurn,
You tempt me not at all, I vow
I swear I quite decline to learn
Pung Chow.
Cards cost me fifty cents a pack,
Mah Jong costs fifty bucks a set.
That's altogether too much jack,
You bet.
Pool, bowling, billiards, poker—say
I play them muchly, right along,
They are enough—I will not play
Mah Jong.
At every game I've ever struck,
I'm almost always badly stung,
And so I very wisely duck
Mah Jong!

AN IDEAL MAGISTRATE.

SUGGESTED CHANGE
RESENTED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Kongmoon, March 12th.
When one travels in the Hokshan district (north-west of Sunwui) at the present day, he cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the land is practically free of bandits. One can walk from one end of the district to the other with a perfect sense of security. The present magistrate of the district is Mr. Li Yat-ok, to whom credit must be due for the existing admirable order of things. He is one of the magistrates elected by the people at the time when Chan King-ming assumed the reins of government at Canton, and of all the magistrates thus appointed, Li is considered to have achieved the best official record. Bribery is now a vanishing factor in his yamen, for he lives up to his reputation as a "clean" magistrate. It is generally believed that these two achievements—the extirpation of brigandage and suppression of bribery—will remain a challenge to the other magistrates who may find it worth their while to copy the good example.

For heaven knows what reasons, the authorities at Canton recently made a few attempts to depose Mr. Li Yat-ok by appointing as his successor men known for their incapability, but each of these attempts was met with the loud protest and stubborn resistance of the merchants and people. One might have thought that the Canton authorities would have known better, though Li is not one of those officials who plays up to his superiors. It is even believed that to chance the present magistrate would be to play into the hands of the bandits and the ill-wishers of the district. The people, therefore, are most indignant at an order recently issued by the Canton authorities arresting Li Yat-ok and appointing Mr. Kwong Ming-po, the ex-magistrate of Sunwui, to fill the post. A letter, signed by the Chamber of Commerce and other official, semi-official and unofficial bodies, has been addressed to Dr. Sun Yat-sen requesting him to withdraw the order. It is pointed out that the present magistrate is identified with the welfare of the people, and they cannot part with a magistrate who has mothered them well and endeared himself to them all.

With Li Yat-ok quit after all? Will Kwong Ming-po take over the post in face of the open defiance of the people? Or will Dr. Sun bring himself to respect the wishes of the people? These are still open questions.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

S. E. Green found W. H. Gillow none too good and beat him easily yesterday in three straight sets in the Open Singles Championship. He now meets S. A. Rumjahn in the third round. A very good match should result. In the Mixed Doubles, A. Worswick and Miss Rudge defeated G. W. Sewell and Miss Irving, mainly due to the fine play of Miss Rudge. The detail scores of the matches yesterday are as follows:

Open Singles: S. E. Green beat W. H. Gillow 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.
Handicap Singles: "B": E. G. Lammett 11-6 beat E. J. R. Mitchell 10-8, 7-5, 7-5.
F. H. Phillips 15-7 beat W. P. Greene 15-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Handicap Doubles: G. H. Piercy and W. B. Cornaby 15-6 beat A. V. T. Dean and A. H. Penn 15-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Open Doubles: Owen Hughes and G. More beat M. Grayson and A. Carr 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles: A. Worswick and Miss Rudge 6-3 beat G. W. Sewell and Miss Irving 6-4, 6-2.

Today's Matches.
Open Singles: J. Abe v. Wong Po-keung, H. D. Rumjahn v. S. Fugita, A. B. Raworth v. K. H. Lo.
Club Championship: A. D. Humphreys v. C. B. Baron.
Handicap Singles: "A": G. W. Sewell (owe 3/6) v. C. F. Bensley 15-12, N. L. Smith 11-6 v. A. D. Jillings 12-6 v. C. T. Fowle 13-6.
Handicap Doubles: E. G. Lammett and W. W. Mackenzie 5-0 v. C. V. Mark and B. D. Evans 8-0.
Mixed Doubles: G. G. Franklin and Mrs. Boyd 10-11 v. W. A. Nowers and Mrs. Remington 4-6.

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COMPANY.WINDING-UP
RESOLUTION PASSED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Company was held in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. R. E. Greenhill (Directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Acting Secretary) and the Very Rev. Father Robert and Messrs. E. M. Raymond, H. P. White, Ho Kom Tong, J. T. Ragram, C. C. Boyd, B. C. Randall, E. Sadick, Lo Cheung-shiu, H. A. Rodgers, and W. R. Wilkinson (shareholders).

The notice of meeting having been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—At the annual general meeting held in January last I mentioned that it was proposed to wind up the Company as soon as certain mortgages had been paid off in June. The mortgages, however, desired to make arrangements for the future and asked permission to pay off the mortgages at an earlier date. This has been agreed to by your Directors and this meeting has been called for the purpose of passing a resolution for winding up the Company forthwith. I therefore now beg to propose the following extraordinary resolution and when this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask:—That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Leslie Solbe Greenhill, of 5 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, be appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.

This was seconded by Mr. H. P. White and carried unanimously. In closing the meeting the Chairman said:—A further extraordinary general meeting of the Company will be held here on the 29th March at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting and confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution, the resolution that has just been passed. That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

HAWAIIAN
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SHOW OPENS TO-NIGHT.

To-night at the Theatre Royal, Kaai's Troupadours will make their bow to the Hongkong public. The success of Mr. Kaai's last company must be fresh in the public mind, and no doubt a bumper house will welcome the Company to-night.

Mr. Kaai, on his arrival here, said that this will probably be the last Hongkong will see of the Hawaiians for many years to come. According to present plans, taking his Company to Europe at the conclusion of the Eastern tour, and after playing seasons in all the various capitals it is his intention to return to Hawaii via America. "I have been perfectly delighted by the reception we have received right through the East, and it encourages us to do our best," said Mr. Kaai, "and I hope that Hongkong will derive some pleasure from our visit. We believe in cultivating smiles, you know, and when we see a smiling audience, that tells us that we have been successful and everybody is happy. Our season in Hongkong is necessarily a short one on account of forward bookings, but we are giving you a change of programme nightly."

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

THE YEAR'S FINANCES.

The year's accounts may be considered satisfactory, says the annual report of the local Chamber of Commerce. The net income is slightly larger than last year's, but the surplus of income over expenditure is considerably less owing principally to the fact that rent has been doubled, cost of production of annual report nearly doubled, and that there has been larger expenditure on Yunnanese Scholarships.

A balance of of \$956.79 has been carried to general reserve account which now stands at \$36,375.47. During the year the holding in Hongkong Local Debentures (10,500) was redeemed and the full amount placed on 5 per cent. fixed deposit with the Hongkong

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The programme was, perhaps, just a little too lengthy for the convenience of Peak and Kowloon residents—but that is the only criticism that can be offered. Perhaps the two best items were the "Scenes Pittoresques" (Massenet) and Excerpts from the Cantata "Samson and Delilah" (Saint-Saens). In the former the Air de Ballet and the Angelus were gems of harmony and perfect rendition, whilst in the latter the well-known solo "Softly awakes my heart" was listened to with rapt attention. In this, Lance-Capt. H. Kidd supplied the cornet solo to perfection. Special mention should also be made of the Recitative and Aria for Trombone, "Lead me your aid" (Gounod) in which Lance-Corporal H. Johnson was the soloist. Space does not permit us to speak individually of all the items in the programme, but a word of praise must be given to Mr. Bradshaw for providing the audience with a programme containing analytical notes on the works given. Such is not only helpful but decidedly educational.

Mr. E. G. d'Aquino (tenor) and Prof. H. Gonzalez (violin and "Phono-fiddle") assisted in the programme, both being accorded a hearty reception.

Among the large audience present were H. E. the Governor and party, H. E. the General Officer Commanding and party, and many well-known local residents.

It is to be hoped that the Surrey's will give us more of such delightful concerts.

and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The Chamber's investment account remains therefore at \$30,500.

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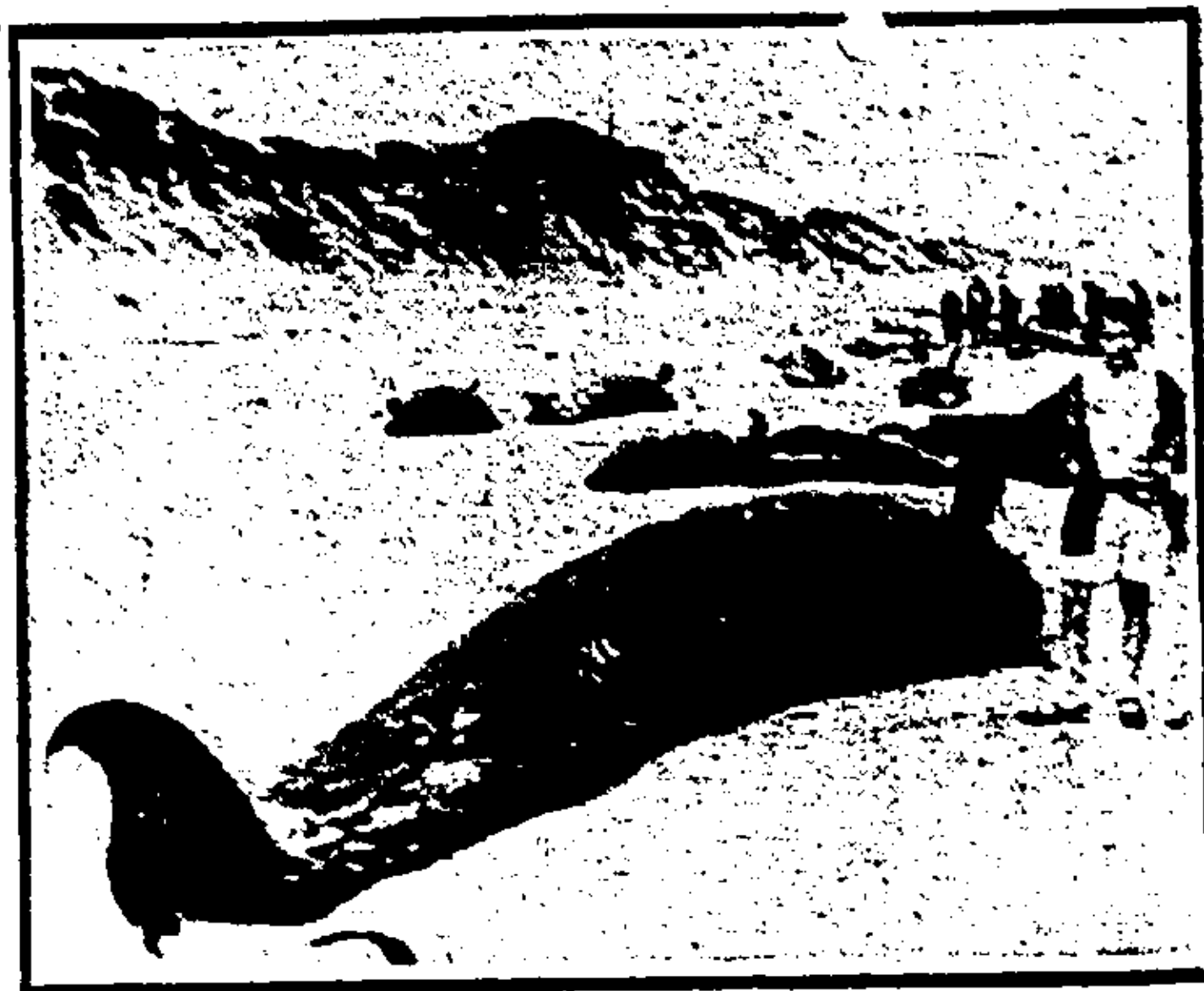
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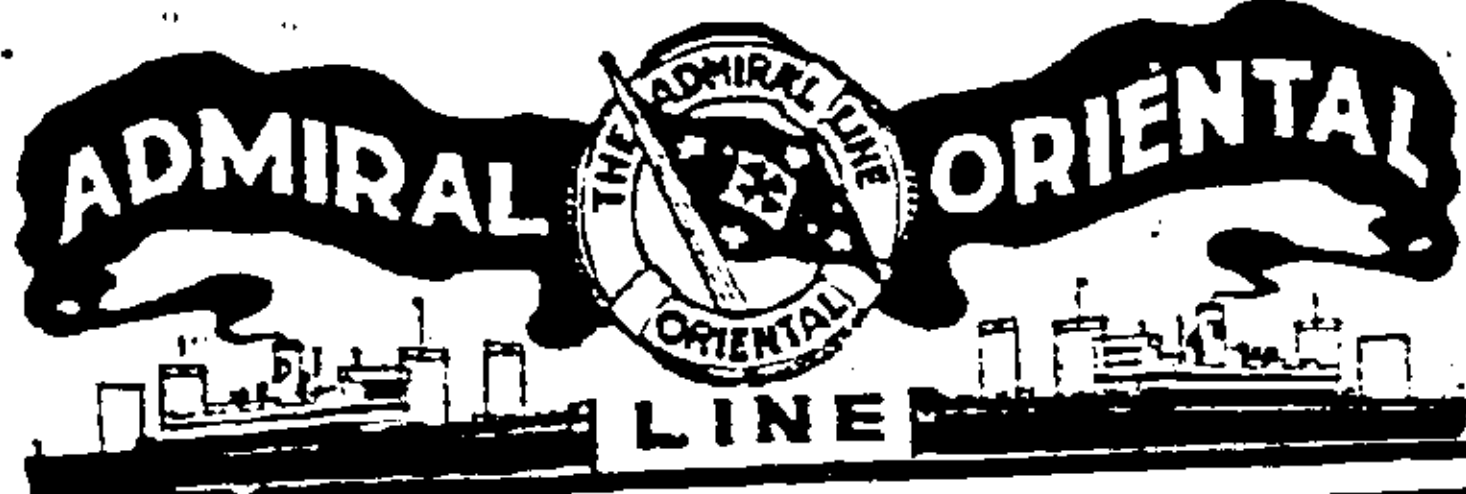
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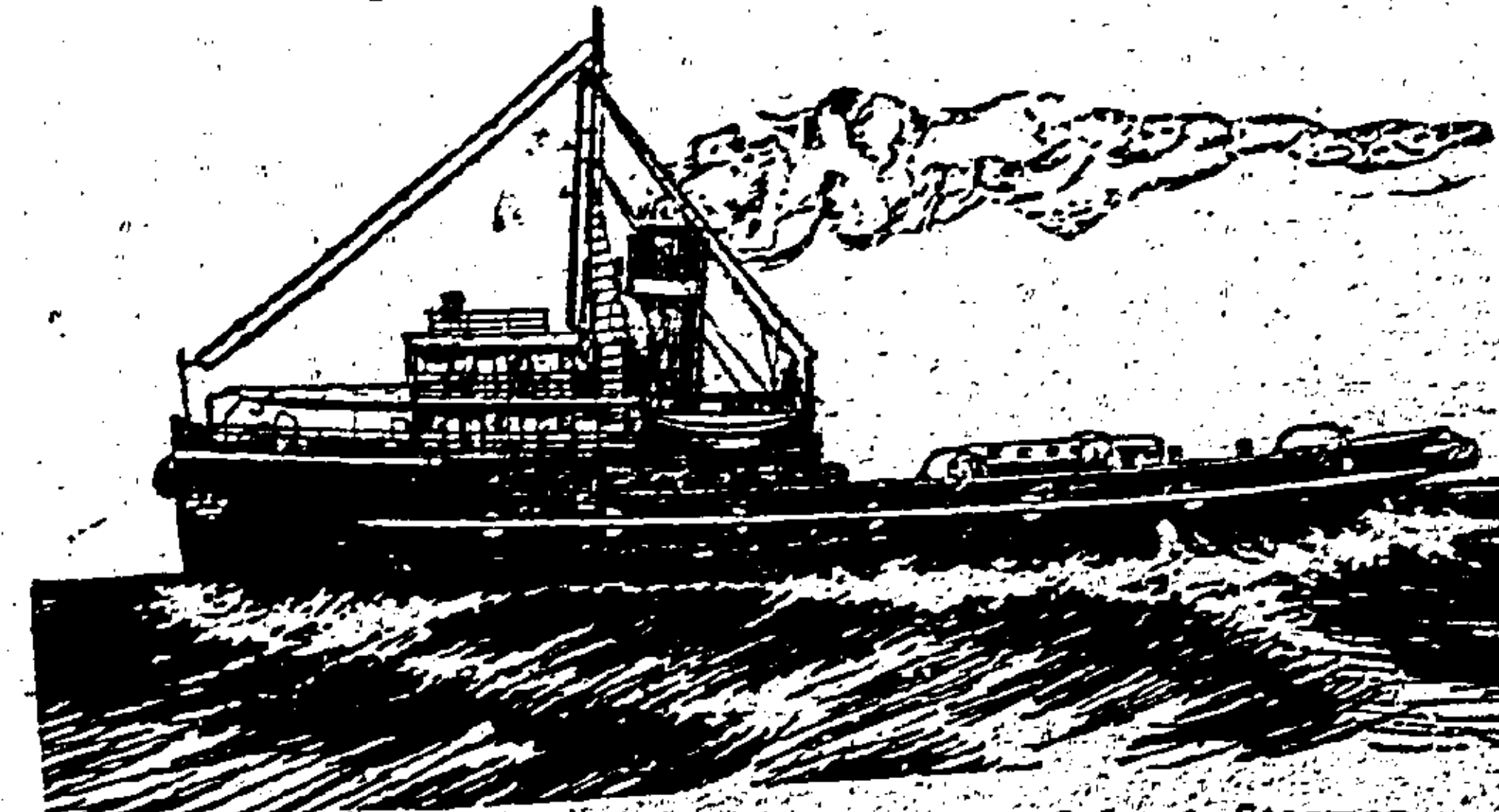
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GLENSHANE	25th Mar.	PEMBROKESHIRE	30th Mar.
GLENHARRY	17th Apr.	London, Rotterdam & H'burg	
GLENADY	4th May	GLENVOLE	22nd Apr.
GLENAPP	15th May	Genoa, L'don, R'dam & H'burg	

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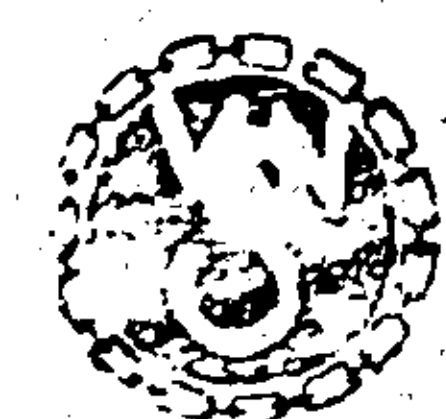
Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. arr. at H'g. and Sailings for, S'hai & Japan	Pro. Sailings from H'g. for M'les
CHILI	—	—	16th Mar.
POROS	—	—	30th Mar.
AMAZONE	—	—	13th Apr.
ANGKOR	21st Feb.	24th Mar.	27th Apr.
CHAMBORD	6th Mar.	7th Apr.	11th May
PAUL LECAT	20th Mar.	21st Apr.	15th May

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S.S. OLDEKERK " " " 3rd June

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Steamers	For	Sailing on or about
MAPIA	A'dam, R'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	8th Apr.
ALDERAMIN	A'dam, R'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	B. of May
OOSTERKERK	A'dam, R'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	B. of June

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HAKUSAN MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Mar. at 11 a.m.

KITANO MARU ... Wednesday, 26th Mar.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

MATSUYE MARU ... End of March.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

DELAGOA MARU ... Saturday, 15th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Mar. at 11 a.m.

YOSHINO MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Apr.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

LISBON MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Mar.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU ... Tuesday, 8th May.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

PENANG MARU ... Saturday, 15th Mar.

TAMBA MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Sunday, 23rd Mar.

AWA MARU ... Monday, 31st Mar.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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S.S. "ROSANDRA" ... Sails about 19th March.
S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails about 7th April.
S.S. "NUMIDA" ... Sails about 3rd May.
S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails about 8th May.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailings
MANILA via Amoy	Suisang	Sat. 15th Mar. at 11 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Hosang	Sat. 15th Mar. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Leesang	Sun. 15th Mar. at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongshang	Tues. 18th Mar. at noon.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Chaksang	Tues. 18th Mar. at 10 a.m.
TTAO via S'ow & S'hai	Kwongsang	Wed. 19th Mar. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Thurs. 20th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Taksang	Fri. 21st Mar. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wingsang	Sun. 23rd Mar. at 8 a.m.
SANDAHEAN	Mausang	Sun. 23rd Mar. at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Loksang	Tues. 25th Mar. at 7 a.m.
KOBE	Kutsang	Thurs. 10th Apr. at 4 p.m.

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Haichong...	W. C. Passmore	TUES. 18th Mar. at 1 p.m.
Haichong...	Ellis Walker	FRI. 21st Mar. at 1 p.m.

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SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

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The Steamship

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having arrived from Seattle, via ports, on 12th March 1924. Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 18th March 1924 by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Anderson and Ashe.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 19th March 1924, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE,

4, Des Voeux Road,

Hongkong, 12th March 1924.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.

The Steamship

"PRESIDENT MADISON"

having arrived from Seattle, via ports, on Mar. 6th. Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, & stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on March 12th by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson and Ashe.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after March 13th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

United States Shipping Board,

Emergency Fleet Corporation,

Agents,

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE

4, Des Voeux Road,

Hongkong, March, 8th, 1924.

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S.S. "AMAZONE"

Consignees of Cargo from Marseilles &c.

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